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TO : Security Officer, CIA

FROM : Chief, Special Security Division

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATES OF CHRIST CHURCH,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

DATE: 28 April 1952

Pursuant to your request of 28 April 1952, a very discreet inquiry was made to determine something of the nature of the Associates of Christ Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The "New York Times" newspaper for 22 March 1952 contained an announcement by one Owen J. ROBERTS, former Supreme Court Justice, of the formation of the National Provisional Committee of Advisors of the Associates of Christ Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with himself as Chairman. This church was stated to be an historic Protestant Episcopal institution which had at one time been attended by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

The express intention of the Church was to restore the influence of the church in today's crises. Among the members of the Committee are:

1. Judge Harold R. MEDINA
2. Dr. Harold W. DODDS, President of Princeton University
3. Mr. William H. RUFFEN, Board Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers
4. Mr. Henning W. PRENTES, Chairman of the International Relations Committee (apparently of the National Association of Manufacturers)

It was stated that members of national influence and of many religious faiths would be added to the Board. The program will include frequent pulpit addresses by businessmen, labor leaders, educators, clergymen, and public officials.

No further inquiry will be made in the absence of a further request from you.



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<p>REMARKS:</p> <p>Herewith info you requested.</p> <p>For file with DCI <i>ref</i> to Mr. Roberts.</p> <p><i>REL</i></p>		
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TO: <i>Exec. Reg.</i>		
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REMARKS:		
<p><i>Please file with copy of letter to Justice O. J. Roberts, re the Associates of Christ Church Shanks.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Davie</i></p>		
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